



# Superior Court of the State of California

## County of Kings

**Thomas DeSantos**  
Presiding Judge  
of the  
Superior Court

**Jeffrey E. Lewis**  
Clerk of Court  
and  
Jury Commissioner

### \* \* \* PUBLIC NOTICE \* \* \*

## Court limited hours during the holidays December 15, 2015

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The Superior Court of Kings County will reduce staffing and temporarily limit the hours and operations of its Divisions and Departments between December 21, 2015 and January 1, 2016, as follows:

1. The Jury Office will be closed from December 21, 2015 through January 1, 2016; any questions regarding jury service should be directed to the Clerk of the Court at the Hanford Courthouse.
2. On Monday, December 21, 2015 through Wednesday, December 23, 2015, staffing of all trial departments of the Hanford Courthouse will be reduced resulting in a temporary closure of multiple courtrooms. During this period, the Hanford Courthouse Clerk's Office hours of operation will remain the same [Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.]; however, longer processing and response times may be experienced.
3. On Thursday, December 24, 2015, the Hanford Courthouse will close at 12:00 p.m. There will be no hearings or other proceedings scheduled after 12:00 p.m. on that day. The Clerk's Office will close at 12:00 p.m.; however a drop box for documents and payments will be available. Documents and payments deposited therein before 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2015 will be deemed filed/received on that date. Documents/payments received after 4:00 p.m. on December 24, 2015, will be filed/received on December 28, 2015. Drop boxes are located in Buildings A and B of the Hanford Courthouse located at 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California 93230. The drop box located in Building A is located on the south end of the building and the one in Building B is located on the north end of the building.
4. On Friday, December 25, 2015, the Hanford Courthouse will be closed.
5. On Monday, December 28, 2015 through Thursday, December 31, 2015, staffing of all trial departments of the Hanford Courthouse will be reduced resulting in a temporary closure of multiple courtrooms. During this period, the Hanford Courthouse Clerk's Office hours of operation will remain the same [Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.]; however, longer processing and response times may be experienced.
6. On Friday, January 1, 2016, the Hanford Courthouse will be closed.
7. Pre-December 21, 2015 operations and staffing levels will be restored to all Divisions of the Kings County Superior Court on Monday, January 4, 2016.

The Superior Court Judges in Kings County have concluded that the temporary closure of the Jury Office, limitation in operational trial departments, and reduction of hours of the Hanford Courthouse as set forth above, is necessary in order to address the continued budget concerns and attendant personnel shortage that the Court faces. The limitation of hours and services set forth above is just one of many cost-saving steps taken by the Court to address California's fiscal crisis.

Questions should be directed to: Jeffrey E. Lewis, Court Executive Officer at Kings County Superior, 1426 South Drive, Hanford, California, 93230, (559) 582-1010, ext. 5002.